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Gov. Roy Asberry Cooper III,

Dear Governor,

Each year, millions of bees die off due in part to a widely used class of pesticides, called neonicotinoids. We rely on bees to pollinate most of our food -- everything from apples to almonds to the alfalfa used to feed dairy cows -- so it's clear that if we lose the bees, the impact on our farms and food could be catastrophic.

Instead of banning these toxic pesticides, the Environmental Protection Agency is considering allowing them to be sprayed on 165 million acres of previously protected farmlands. But with 700 bee species at risk of extinction, we can't afford to wait for the EPA to take action. That's why I'm urging you to support a statewide ban on neonicotinoids.

Sincerely,

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